



Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

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to Mass today.

Forgiving & Forgiven

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.

Have you ever wondered why people come round to collect money during mass? It's seen as a gift for (or offering to) God, and it's a very important part of our worship. It doesn't always have to be money though; sometimes children give God a gift they they have made themselves. There are many places in the Bible that teach us the importance of presenting an offering to God, but the truth is that God is more interested in what is *in our heart* than in our hand.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to people long ago, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you will be subject to judgment.' But I say, even if you are angry with your someone, you are subject to judgment." He went on to say that you will face God's judgment if you call someone a bad name or curse them.

What did Jesus say we should do if we are guilty of any of these things? He said, "If you are presenting your offering to God and you remember that you have said something that hurt another person, leave your gift at the altar and go and ask forgiveness from that person. Then come back and offer your gift to God."

Before we give our offering today, perhaps we should ask ourselves a few questions. Have I been angry with someone this week? Have I had any arguments lately? Have I called someone a bad name? Have I said something about someone that wasn't true? If so, we should ask God to forgive us and we should go to the person we have hurt and ask them to forgive us. When we have done that, God will be pleased with our offering.

Word Search

"So if you come before God to offer your gift to him, and then remember that you have upset someone or given them cause to complain about you, go away and make your peace with them first."

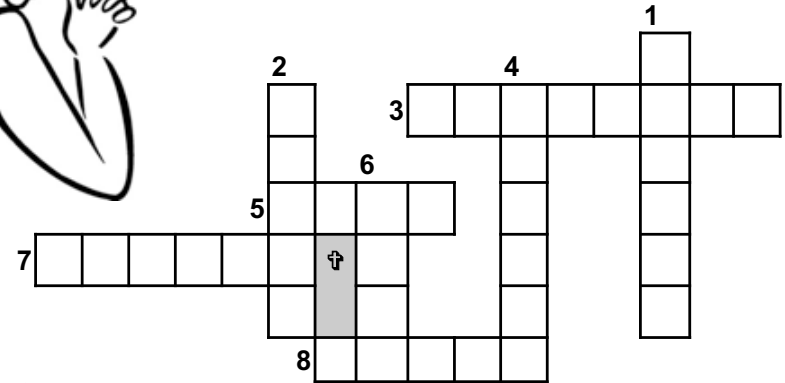
This week's word search is based on Matthew 5: 17-24

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ALTAR	ANGRY	PEOPLE
REMEMBER	MURDER	OFFERING
FIRST	FOOL	JUDGMENT
GIFT	BROTHER	HELL
DANGER	RECONCILED	FIRE



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- To pass _____ is to decide if a person is guilty or innocent
- A present that is given to another person
- Killing of a person by another person
- The place where gifts or sacrifices to God are made

DOWN

- A group of human beings (men or women or children)
- To be furious
- To be at risk of being injured or harmed
- A person who lacks good sense

Danger	People	Angry	Murder
Judgment	Gift	Altar	Fool

Children's Prayer

Heavenly Father, we would not think of committing murder, but we sometimes say things in anger that hurt other people. Help us to guard against hateful and hurtful words, and forgive us as we ask those we have hurt to forgive us as well. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

